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## CROATIA GO FULL-TIME

**EIGHT Sydney Croatia players have become full-time footballers in the club's bid for title honours in the Olympic Airways National Soccer League this season.**

And club president Tony Basic said Croatia are planning for the entire NSL squad to go full-time next year.

Mr Basic says professionalism is vital for the future of Australian soccer and claims it is a major

**BY BRAD EARL**

reason for Croatia's table-topping form this season.

Four of the eight professional players on the staff are Yugoslav imports Vedran Rozic, Zarko Odzakov, Emil Dragicevic and Zeljko Jurin.

The other four are young local players Jimmy Patikas, Tom Basic, David Rezo and youth team player Joe Caleta.

Odzakov and Patikas joined Croatia this year and were called into the Australian squad for the just-completed international series.



"Of course by these players being full-time we are helping the national team," Mr Basic said.

Under captain-coach Rozic, the players train two mornings a week in addition to the usual evening sessions.

## APIA BID FOR UK PLAYERS

**APIA LEICHHARDT are negotiating to sign two players from the United Kingdom to bolster their struggling Olympic Airways NSL squad.**

First on their list is a striker who played for English Second Division club Carlisle last season.

Club secretary manager Archie Blue has also approached three Scottish players, including one from Glasgow Rangers.

The other players are on the books of Scottish Second Division clubs Queen of the South and Stranraer.

The Carlisle player was previously with Watford in First Division, but Blue said his club has been reluctant to release him to come to Australia.

"The player asked for a transfer and has had a couple of tentative offers," Blue explained.

He hopes to secure two players this week. If that happens the players could be here within the next 10 days.

An Egyptian centre-back has been training with the squad and he is awaiting a clearance from his country's football association.

**BY BRAD EARL**

Apija have slipped to second-last spot on the League ladder following yesterday's 1-0 home loss to Inter Monaro.

## Ardiles wants to come back

**BY JOHN ECONOMOS**

**OSSIE ARDILES, the little Argentinean World Cup midfielder who guested for St George against Marconi yesterday, would like to come back to Australia next year.**

When we questioned him after the match at St George Stadium about his future, he answered: "I want to finish my professional career in England. I have been offered another year's contract with Tottenham Hotspur, which I have accepted."

"But after that I don't know."

When questioned about the St George v Marconi match, the little midfielder stated: "I



ZARKO ODZAKOV

was a little surprised with the club standard out here.

"It is much better than I expected and there is talent, skills and stamina with your local players."

Ardiles showed glimpses of brilliance for St George with lovely touches spraying long, easy balls for his men out wide.

Due credit must be given to Marconi coach Les Scheinflug who instructed his players not to suffocate Ardiles with close-marking.

"I felt that we should give this world-class player some space to entertain the spectators and I think we achieved this," Scheinflug said.

## INDOOR SOCCER IN THE MONEY

**BY ANDREW PASCHALIDIS**

**THE Australian Indoor Soccer Federation has clinched a \$125,000 sponsorship deal with Victorian sporting supply company, Buffalo Sports.**

The sponsorship will be split over a five-year period involving assistance with the introduction of the sport into the Australian school system.

Indoor president Joe Brent says the deal is the start of things to come.

"We're proud to be associated with Buffalo and I'm glad they realise it's a growing sport," he said.

"We are in the process of submitting a special video to as many schools as possible to make the game a feasible proposition in school sport."

"Many of our registered players, who number about 72,000, are school kids and I think it's just a natural progression."

Such is the growth of indoor, the national executive director's position has been funded by the Federal Government.

Early in August the Australian men's team will spend one week at the Institute of Sport in Canberra preparing for the world championships later this year in Spain.

"The Government has assisted us in as many ways as possible," Brent said.

"Don't forget we have three boys' teams travelling to Japan, juniors and women's teams playing in Britain and Holland, and the men's youth team has been invited to play the world's best in Brazil."

"Our men's and youth teams have been unbeaten during the last three years and I'm sure we'll prove our ability against the world's best," Brent concluded.





# SCOREBOARD

## NSL NORTHERN DIVISION

### ROUND 14:

BLACKTOWN CITY 1 (O'Connor) PENRITH CITY 1 (P. Jones) at Gabbie Stadium. Crowd: 421.  
 SYDNEY CROATIA 2 (Arnold 2) NEWCASTLE ROSEBUD UNITED 0 at Croatian Sports Centre. Crowd: 4,200.  
 CANBERRA CITY OLYMPIANS 1 (Lamond) SYDNEY OLYMPIC 3 (Soper, Kalantzis, Ogun) at Bruce Stadium. Crowd: 1,620.  
 APIA LEICHHARDT 0 INTER MONARO 1 (Giampaolo) at Lambert Park. Crowd: 448.  
 WOLLONGONG CITY 1 (Hristovski) SYDNEY CITY 1 (Lee) at Wollongong Showground. Crowd: 1,200.  
 ST GEORGE 0 MARCONI 1 (Gray) at St George Stadium. Crowd: 4,380.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Sydney Croatia	13	9	3	1	32	13	21
Sydney City	12	8	2	2	25	13	18
Marconi	12	6	4	2	24	16	16
Blacktown City	14	6	3	5	22	15	15
Sydney Olympic	13	6	1	6	13	16	13
Canberra City	13	4	4	5	19	20	12
Penrith City	13	3	5	5	17	18	11
Inter Monaro	14	5	1	8	19	29	11
St George	12	3	4	5	11	12	10
Newcastle Rosebud	13	3	4	6	13	23	10
Apia Leichhardt	12	4	1	7	15	19	9
Wollongong City	13	3	2	8	17	32	8

## NSL SOUTHERN DIVISION

### ROUND 14:

BRISBANE LIONS 3 (Daunt, Bassingthwaite, Niven) GREEN GULLY 1 (Smallman) at Richlands Stadium. Crowd: 911.  
 ADELAIDE CITY 4 (Northcote, Villani, Vidmar, Brown) WEST ADELAIDE 1 (Hiern) at Olympic Sports Field. Crowd: 4,000.  
 BRUNSWICK JUVENTUS 2 (Sweeney, Zinni) PRESTON 0 at Olympic Park. Crowd: 1,000.  
 SUNSHINE GEORGE CROSS 3 (Latif 2, Gilder) BRISBANE CITY 0 at Chaplin Reserve. Crowd: 1,000.  
 FOOTSCRAY 0 SOUTH MELBOURNE 1 (Yzendoorn) at Schintler Reserve. Crowd: 4,000.  
 HEIDELBERG UNITED 0 MELBOURNE CROATIA 1 (Gojevic) at Olympic Village. Crowd: 3,000.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
South Melbourne	14	9	3	2	25	14	21
Brunswick Juve	14	8	4	2	22	12	20
Melbourne Croatia	14	7	4	3	16	9	18
Heidelberg Utd	14	6	4	4	21	14	16
Sunshine GC	14	4	6	4	14	13	14
Brisbane City	13	5	3	5	13	14	14
West Adelaide	14	5	3	6	20	23	13
Adelaide City	14	4	4	6	21	23	12
Brisbane Lions	13	5	2	6	19	22	12
Preston	14	5	2	7	17	22	12
Green Gully	14	3	4	7	12	18	10
Footscray	14	2	1	11	13	29	5

## NSL YOUTH LEAGUE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Wollongong City	13	10	0	3	30	18	20
Canberra City	12	7	3	2	25	18	17
Apia Leichhardt	12	5	4	3	17	13	14
Sydney City	11	5	3	3	30	14	13
Newcastle Rosebud	12	6	1	5	17	13	13
Inter Monaro	15	5	3	7	23	35	13
St George	10	5	2	3	19	18	12
AIS	9	4	3	2	25	18	11
Sydney Croatia	13	3	5	5	20	22	11
Blacktown City	13	4	2	7	23	29	10
Marconi	11	2	5	4	18	19	9
Sydney Olympic	15	2	5	8	20	34	9
Penrith City	15	2	5	8	18	34	9

SYDNEY OLYMPIC 2 (Polias 3, 36) AIS 4 (Foster 4, 35, 75, Healey 50).  
 MARCONI 3 (Reid 30, Genc 36, Sharne 76) INTER-MONARO 1 (Djordjeski 49).  
 BLACKTOWN CITY 3 (Roldan 26, Plumb 40, Scott 83) PENRITH CITY 1 (Martino 55).  
 CANBERRA CITY 1 (Farrell 61) SYDNEY OLYMPIC 4 (Polias 16, Koussas 21, 82, Genaris 38).  
 APIA LEICHHARDT 0 INTER-MONARO 0.  
 SYDNEY CROATIA 1 (Tomasich 61) NEWCASTLE ROSEBUD 0.  
 WOLLONGONG CITY 5 (Brodnik 1, 29, 62, Nees 30, 44) SYDNEY CITY 2 (Patterson 38, 83).  
 ST GEORGE v MARCONI — postponed.

## NSW STATE LEAGUE

### TNT SKYPAK SOCCER LEAGUE

	1st	2nd	3rd
Avala v Manly	1-1	1-4	2-3
Fairy Meadow v Sutherland			1-1
Uruguay Auburn v Fairy Meadow	0-1	1-1	1-1
Polonia v Ku-ring-gai	1-3	0-5	1-3
Warringah N'been v Rockdale I	1-1	3-3	0-0
Parramatta Melita v Cant M'ville	0-3	4-1	2-1
Sutherland v Bankstown Nat	5-0	8-0	3-1
Ku-ring-gai v Bankstown Nat	0-0	5-1	9-0

Parramatta Melita	10	6	3	1	21	8	15
Fairy Meadow	9	6	2	1	13	5	14
Ku-ring-gai	10	5	4	1	14	7	14
Avala	10	4	5	1	15	7	13
Canterbury-M'ville	10	4	3	3	20	16	11
Sutherland	8	4	2	2	17	8	10
Manly Warringah	8	3	3	2	11	9	9
Rockdale Iland	8	2	4	2	9	9	8
Uruguay Auburn	8	1	3	4	6	12	5
Warringah N'been	8	1	2	5	3	15	4
Polonia	8	0	1	7	5	21	1
Bankstown National	8	0	1	7	1	18	1

### STATE LEAGUE SECOND DIVISION

Wollongong Mac v Cant & Dist	2-1	4-2	1-0
Wollongong Mac v Blacktown Utd	3-1	1-2	0-1
Nth Bankstown v SSC Yugal	1-1	9-1	3-2
Gladesville v Dee Why	3-0	0-1	0-1

W'gong Macedonia	8	7	1	0	17	4	15
Blacktown United	7	5	0	2	17	7	10
Gladesville Hby	7	4	1	2	10	8	9
Campbelltown City	6	4	0	2	10	5	8
Queens Park	5	3	1	1	11	4	7
North Bankstown	7	3	1	3	10	5	7
Yugal	8	2	3	3	16	12	7
Bathurst '75	7	2	3	2	15	11	7
Artarmon	6	2	2	2	9	9	6
Dee Why	7	1	1	3	4	17	3
Penrith United	6	0	2	4	5	20	2
Canterbury & Dist	6	0	1	5	3	25	1

### STATE LEAGUE THIRD DIVISION

Campbelltown D v King Tomislav	4-2	1-1	0-1
Baulkham Hills v Rooty Hill	1-4	5-2	2-3
Uni of NSW v Bondi Marine	0-3	0-2	U-For
North Ryde RSL v Granville D	4-1	2-1	3-5
King Tomislav v Baulkham Hills	0-2	1-4	4-3

North Ryde	8	6	0	2	16	5	12
Kingsford	8	3	5	0	17	11	11
Bondi Marine	7	3	4	0	14	8	10
King Tomislav	8	3	3	2	11	9	9
Baulkham Hills	8	3	2	3	10	12	8
C'belltown Gunners	8	2	3	3	12	15	7
Granville District	9	2	3	4	15	18	6
Rooty Hill	7	2	1	4	19	11	5
Port Hacking	6	2	1	3	7	11	5
Moorebank L'pool	7	2	1	4	7	13	5
Uni of NSW	5	1	1	3	6	11	3
Mt Druitt Town	6	2	0	4	9	21	4

### INTER URBAN FIRST DIVISION

	1st	2nd
Nineveh v Sydney Uni	0-3	2-2
Lane Cove v Spanish Club	0-1	1-1
Hurstville Z v West St George	0-0	3-3
Padstow Park v Nineveh	1-0	3-1
Sydney Uni v Eastwood	1-0	0-1

### INTER URBAN SECOND DIVISION

Concordia v Trasandinos	4-1	1-0
Maroubra v Macquarie Uni	1-6	3-2
Green Valley v Pagewood	2-3	2-2
Chile v Chelsea	0-5	0-8
Liverpool City v Hawkesbury	1-0	2-1
Wentworth v Macarthur	1-2	0-3
Padstow Park v Nineveh	0-1	1-0
Sydney Uni v Eastwood	3-1	3-1

### INTER URBAN THIRD DIVISION

Sydney Maccabi v Dulwich Hill	2-3	1-5
Chullora v Robins	2-1	0-4
Rosebery v Welcome	2-0	1-0
Haberfield v Hadjuk R	2-6	0-3
Robins v Concord J	2-2	0-4
Sydney Maccabi v Blacktown Wanderers	4-4	1-1

### INTER URBAN FOURTH DIVISION

Nepean v Colo Colo	1-5	0-5
Jedinstvo v Blacktown Wks	8-1	1-4
Argentinian L v Lansvale	1-3	2-2
Lithgow W'mens v Petersham L	1-3	0-1
Greenisland v Macedonia Y	3-1	2-2
Macedonia Y v Castle Hill	1-3	0-3

### INTER URBAN FIFTH DIVISION

Luddenham C v Highlands	5-0	3-5
Hellas Poseidon v Amal	5-1	0-6
Abruzzi v Fairfield A	3-1	3-1
Crescent Star v Columbian	1-1	0-0
Santiago W v Cyprus	1-5	1-2
Fairfield A v Santiago W	2-2	3-3
Crescent Star v Cyprus	3-2	2-2

# MIGHTY MONARO

APIA LEICHHARDT .....0 INTER MONARO.....1

INTER MONARO eased their relegation worries and conversely increased those of Apia Leichhardt when they won 1-0 at Lambert Park yesterday.

BY BRAD EARL

Monaro coach Frank Maccarone attributed his side's victory, above all else, to determination.

And that was best displayed by a trio of players who dominated their respective areas of play.

Ricky Budini was unbeatable in the centre of the defence. Angelo Ambrosino continually won possession in midfield, and up-front Baz Giampaolo was working the ball beautifully.

Giampaolo, the Monaro captain, scored the only goal of the game in the 37th minute.

A free-kick inside their own half was played forward quickly by Monaro and picked up Tony Brennan on the right flank.

Brennan flicked the ball into the centre where Giampaolo easily shook off the challenge of the only defender between him and the goal, then buried his shot past keeper Bob Catlin.

Leichhardt created a few chances in the first half but their finishing let them down.

Terry Butler was used as right striker and his absence from the Leichhardt midfield was noticeable.

Jimmy Hamilton battled hard in midfield, but received little support — except from central defenders Arno Bertogna and Berti Mariani.

In the second half, Leichhardt rarely looked like breaking through and even two changes to the forward-line made little difference against a spirited Monaro defence.

Tony Genovese came on for Robbie de Ceglie and Arno Bertogna was pushed forward for the last 25 minutes, but the closest Leichhardt came to scoring was when Genovese rifled in a shot which required Monaro goalie Steve Hoszowski to punch the ball out from under the crossbar in the 78th minute.

If any side looked like scoring it was Monaro. In the 75th minute Chris Thamnidis played the ball across to Giampaolo on the edge of the 18 yard line, and his flick-on put Billy Willox through, but Catlin

continually test the Leichhardt defence.

LEICHHARDT: Catlin; Spina, Brown, Mariani, Bertogna; McCulloch, Hamilton, de Ceglie (Genovese 66); Butler, Caban, Morsello (Rowden 70).

MONARO: Hoszowski; Tullawa, Williams, Budini, Titilas; Willox, Carbone (Santolin 90), Ambrosino, Brennan, Giampaolo, Thamnidis (Walsh 79). REFEREE: R. Doenau. CROWD: 448.

## CROSS SEES RED

BLACKTOWN CITY .....1 PENRITH CITY.....1

THE sending-off of captain Mickey Cross took the shine off Penrith City's 1-1 draw with Blacktown City at the Gabbie Stadium.

BY BRAD EARL

Cross moved from his usual left-back spot to fill the sweeper's position vacated by injured Jeff Ainsworth and was outstanding in the changed role.

His sending-off occurred with just three minutes of the match remaining when Blacktown midfielder John Bradley made a quick break.

Bradley was 10 metres inside the Penrith half when Cross tackled him front-on.

Referee Davies said the charge was "serious foul play," indicating that Cross made the tackle with the intent of taking Bradley out of the play.

"He went over my knee," a disappointed Cross said. "I've played in Australia since 1977 and I've never been sent off."

Both coaches, Penrith's Willie Wallace and Blacktown's Casey de Bruin, agreed the decision was harsh, particularly when placed in perspective with other offences committed in the match.

Peter Brogan (Penrith) and Tony Rasmussen and Paul Daley (Blacktown) were shown the yellow card for fouls in the second half.

Wallace best summed it up as "a hard, bruising match."

The goals were scored midway through the first half, Penrith going ahead when big central

striker Peter Jones, reinstated to the starting line-up, shot home from seven metres.

However, five minutes later the scores were level when the Penrith defence was caught napping at a corner and Phil O'Connor flicked the ball in with the outside of his right boot.

Blacktown worked a couple of good chances in the second half, first with O'Connor hitting a chip by John Larkin wide of the upright.

Then Bradley broke through on the left side of the box, drew Penrith goalie Mike Gibson off his line and squared the ball across the goalmouth to John McKie and O'Connor, but O'Connor's shot hit the post.

O'Connor, dropped from the Australian squad for the just-completed international series, had a great battle with Brogan all afternoon.

Man of the match: Blacktown striker JOHN MCKIE continually turned sharply and also laid off several good passes in attack.

BLACKTOWN: Hoare; Skellern, Rasmussen, Daley, Pointer; Selva, Bradley, Bourke; Larkin, McKie, O'Connor.

PENRITH: Gibson; Brogan, Toohey, Cross, Campbell; Wotherspoon, Hebb, Jackson; Licata, P. Jones (Hunter 63), Easthorpe.

REFEREE: T. Davies. CROWD: 421.



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# RELEGATION FEARS GROW FOR SAINTS

BY JOHN ECONOMOS

ST GEORGE, despite having Argentina's World Cup midfielder Ossie Ardiles gues-ting for them, were beaten by Marconi 1-0 at St George Stadium to further intensify relegation fears.

But there was very little between the teams as both were more than willing to throw men forward and have shots at the target.

St George in fact could have hit the lead as early as the fourth minute when awarded a free-kick 20 metres out. Ardiles took the free-kick and bent it around the Marconi wall for the ball to crash off the crossbar.

The first half saw the Saints throw enormous pressure at the visiting Marconi, as their midfield quartet of Ricoy, John O'Shea, Ardiles and Koczka engineered repeated raids, but Marconi's back-four of Carter, Calderan, Henderson and Sterrey held fast.

Early in the second half, Robbie Slater had a golden chance to put away a volley from a cross whipped in from the left flank by Trevor Morgan, but Slater miscued his shot.

The Saints played their two players from the recent international series, David Ratcliffe and Terry Greedy, and both ex-celled despite feeling fatigued, whilst Marconi's international Rod Brown was his team's best attacker.

In the 65th minute, Saints' targetman Morgan headed strongly at goal but also straight at goalkeeper Alex McPherson.

Sixty seconds later, following a goalmouth melee in the St George box, Marconi midfielder Ian Gray buried a close-range shot into the net to open and shut the scoresheet.

St George coach Frank Arok immediately reacted by bringing on two fresh players, Peter Petkovski and Roy Cotton, to salvage the match, but it was not to be.

Then hell broke out as Saints' John O'Shea and Morgan worked a one-two for O'Shea to bust into Marconi's box.

O'Shea was upended by Craig Mason but referee Gary Power denied the Saints' appeal for a penalty and awarded an indirect free-kick from which Morgan got no joy.

After the match Power explained: "Mason challenged O'Shea with a hard but fair shoulder charge, knocking him off his feet. Under the Laws of soccer that can only constitute an indirect free-kick."

ST GEORGE.....0  
MARCONI.....1

Towards the end of the match Marconi got the upper hand and left-back Lee Sterrey twice, within seconds, went close to scoring.

The first time Sterrey hit the base of the St George post and then forced Australia's goalkeeper Greedy to tip the ball just over the top.

Man of the match: DAVID RATCLIFFE who marshalled his

defence with steel when Marconi looked highly dangerous in the latter part of the match.

ST GEORGE: Greedy; Skeen, M. O'Shea, Ratcliffe, Green (Cotton 68), Ricoy, J. O'Shea, Ardiles, Koczka (Petkovski 68), Slater, Morgan.

MARCONI: McPherson; Carter, Calderan (Driane 43), Henderson, Sterrey; Gray, Mason, Tredinnick; Brown, Lowe, Jankovics (Gunning 89).

REFEREE: G. Power. CROWD: 4,380.

## CROATIA'S 20 MINUTE BLITZ

SYDNEY CROATIA.....2 NEWCASTLE.....0

SYDNEY CROATIA made it very clear to all and sundry at the Croatian Sports Centre that they are the class side in the National League with a truly professional 2-0 win over Newcastle Rosebud.

The pro-Croatian crowd of 4,200 saw their side come out of the dressing rooms to blitz the paupers from Newcastle in an amazing 20 minute spell of dynamic football.

Newcastle's young second-string goalkeeper Steven Dorman was treated to a baptism of fire of immense proportions, so much so that in the opening 10 minutes he was called on to make no less than four fine saves.

He was powerless, however, to prevent Croatia's opening goal in the 11th minute.

Zarko Odzakov played a neat one-two on the right wing with Jim Patikas, then proceeded to beat several Newcastle defenders before sending a square ball to Graham Arnold, who rifled in an unstoppable drive from 20 metres.

Croatia simply toyed with Newcastle, continually exploiting the Rosebud's weakness on the right side through explosive runs by Odzakov, Patikas and David Rezo.

It was one of these explosive bursts that brought about Croatia's second goal.

Rezo stormed down the right wing and crossed an incisive ball to Zeljko Jurin, who backheeled it into the path of Arnold and he rocketed his shot past Dorman.



CURLY KOVACIC

BY FRANK COLETTA

Newcastle only served to make the day all the more difficult for themselves with some abysmal play out of defence.

The naive manner in which they allowed the Croatian midfielders to play with the ball till their hearts' content only served to compound their problems.

The match certainly hotted up after the goals, evidence being a couple of clashes between Derek Todd and Marijan Kovacic and an incident where Jurin claimed he had been punched in the face and took out his own retribution by bringing down Mark Jones.

With Croatia contriving to bottle up the match in the second half, Newcastle went at them with all guns blazing and put together some fine efforts at goal, none better than a 30 metre drive by Mark Jones that rattled the crossbar.

All through the second half Croatia literally sat back and asked Newcastle if they were good enough to break down the their defence forces — they weren't.

Croatian captain-coach Vedran Rozic was very sound in defence but he was quick to single out the efforts of his team-mates after the match.

"Marijan Kovacic, David Rezo and Emil Dragicevic satisfied me immensely," Rozic said. "They did what they were asked to do as did the whole team, as was visible in the second half when we defended the lead."

Man of the match: there were many contenders but MARIJAN KOVACIC was the pick. He played stoically in defence continually negating anything Derek Todd tried to do.

SYDNEY CROATIA: Woodhouse, M. Kovacic, Basic, Rezo, Rozic, Vidalc, Jurin (Cillich 69), Savor, Arnold, Patikas, Odzakov (Dragicevic 45).

NEWCASTLE: Dorman, Maier, Owens (Kerby 29), Boogaard, M. Jones, MacQuarrie, Senkalski, D. Jones, Todd, Milosevic (Stewart 72), Brandt.

REFEREE: G. Warne. CROWD: 4,200.

## WOLVES TIGHTEN A LEAKY DEFENCE

WOLLONGONG CITY.....1 SYDNEY CITY.....1

"THE last shall be first" could be an apt theme for Wollongong City who fought out a 1-1 draw with Sydney City in the Olympic Airways NSL match at Wollongong Showground yesterday.

BY MIKE GANDON

Playing to a more defensive game-plan than earlier in the season, the last-placed Wolves took on their more illustrious Sydney City rivals with great determination.

The second-placed Slickers showed their professionalism by controlling the early play but Wollongong had the first scoring opportunity when a header from defender Ray Vlietstra hit the bar from 30 metres after 12 minutes.

Then Sydney City went close when John Kosmina, who played such a wonderful match for Australia the previous day, missed after a scramble in the penalty area.

It took 42 minutes before Sydney City

opened the scoring with an angled shot by midfielder Grant Lee.

The Slickers held a 1-0 half-time lead but the already rugged tackling became tougher as the match wore on.

Yellow cards were issued in the 71st and 72nd minutes to Sydney City's Frank Farina and the Wolves' Zivko Hristovski.

But Hristovski went from villain to hero 11 minutes later when he floated in the equaliser from 25 metres.

The goal came after Vlietstra had two shots blocked and the ball went wide to Hris-

tovski, who took a shot from long range and in it went.

Both coaches, Eddie Thomson of Sydney City and Adrian Alston of the Wolves, paid tribute to each other's teams after the match.

Man of the match: RAY VLIETSTRA showed full commitment in defence and attack in his first match back after a broken leg.

WOLLONGONG: Billington, Green, Vlietstra, Willis, Gaffney, Dickson, Hristovski, Kerr (Condran 89), Bundalo (Kotamanidis 45), Godzik, Marton.

SYDNEY CITY: Pezzano, Gomez, Robertson, O'Connor, Cant, Lee, Watson, Barnes, Farina (Rodrigues 71), Kosmina, Fletcher.

REFEREE: V. Celestino. CROWD: 1,200.

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# BOTTOM TEAM GIVE SOUTH A FRIGHT

BY CON NIKOLOPOULOS

A CLOSE 1-0 win over Southern Division wooden-spooners Footscray enabled South Melbourne to maintain their advantage over Brunswick Juventus in the race for the championship.

The aspiring title contenders travelled to Footscray anticipating a crop of goals.

However, the brilliance of veteran Branko Buljevic, the creativity of guest player Luka Bonacic and the determination of Ernie Tapai kept South Melbourne at bay until six minutes before full-time.

A momentary lapse of concentration in Footscray's defence allowed South Mel-

bourne captain John Yzendoorn to latch on to a deflection by Footscray keeper Dennis Boland and drive the ball into the net.

Yzendoorn's goal postponed Brunswick Juventus' rise to the top of the table, despite their convincing 2-0 win over struggling Preston at Olympic Park.

The departure of Preston forward Gary Cole from the field in the 41st minute weakened Pre-

ston's resistance, gradually leading to their downfall.

Cole was sent off by referee Bernie Upjohn for alleged abusive language.

Two minutes before full-time team-mate Gordon Flavell joined Cole in the dressing room, sent off for alleged constant violation of the rules.

Joe Sweeney netted Juventus' first goal after

69 minutes and Robert Cullen scored the second during injury-time.

A depleted Melbourne Croatia side maintained contact with the leaders with a slender 1-0 win over Heidelberg United at Olympic Village.

After a shaky start, attributed to the absence of key players, centre-half Sean Parton and dynamic forward Tommy Cumming (currently on the transfer list), Croatia settled and within the

first half-hour forced Heidelberg into desperate defence.

But with international keeper Jeff Olver at his best, Croatia found it difficult to score, prolonging the agony of their supporters until the 66th minute when Steve Gojevic took control of the ball in a goalmouth scramble and slotted the ball home.

**Sunshine** George Cross bounced back into contention with a convincing 3-0 win over Brisbane City at Chaplin Reserve.

Two goals by Ossie Latif and a third by Carl Gilder lifted Georgie from the doldrums into the top five.

**VIC MIGLIACCIO REPORTS** that a more composed and creative Adelaide City crushed West Adelaide 4-1 in a typically hard-fought local derby at the Olympic Sports Field.

City gained a dream start when in the third minute newcomer Aurelio Vidmar fired a shot which hit West Adelaide defender Tim Brown for an own goal.

City's other scorers were Brian Northcote (10th minute), Charlie Villani (18th) and Vidmar (52nd).

For West Adelaide, Brenton Hiern scored in the 14th minute.

West Adelaide battled desperately for the last 20 minutes of the match but found City goalkeeper Willie McNally in great form.

Also starring was Adelaide City midfielder Villani, who earned man of the match honours.



**SOUTH  
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**SOUTH MELBOURNE** will test their strength against runners-up in the \$200,000 international tournament, Vasco da Gama.

Club president Jim Diamantaris announced yesterday: "South Melbourne will meet the skilful Brazilian side in a friendly game on Thursday night at Olympic Park."

"The game will bear prizemoney of \$20,000 plus a special trophy for the occasion."

Diamantaris also disclosed negotiations for the possible guest appearance of Brazilian national team member Geovani for South's National League game against Brunswick Juventus next Sunday at Middle Park.

## RUSH TO BUY ISLAND LAND

Fancy a shady spot on a sub-tropical island...

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Macleay Island, six kilometres long and one-and-a-half kilometres wide, is the belle of the bays that bite along the coast of southern Queensland. Right now building blocks are going for between \$9975 and \$35,600. These days that's a reasonable price to pay for an island lifestyle little more than thirty minutes from the capital of the Sunshine State in one direction and the glitter of the Gold Coast in another direction.

One of the keys to development on Macleay has been Keith Warwick. He heads up Queensland Acreage and Land Sales. The island, he admits, was a bit of a "find". Where else, he asks, could a body rest easy on an island not too far from city lights and airline flights.

Without doubt, Macleay is a natural beauty wrapped round by the bay waters that provide a ready-made marine playground for boaties and fishermen. Its quiet coves offer safe near year-round swimming and there's some surf worth sampling, too.

The whole island has been professionally surveyed. Roads, electricity, and underground water supplies are in place. In fact, most of the essential services arrived before the new settlers.

A school bus connects with a water taxi that serves the island's youngsters — but the daily "voyage" to school — while fun — won't be a feature of island life for much longer. Work started on the construction of a school during March.

Just over the water from Macleay there's Redland Shire — one of the fastest growing "lifestyle" developments in Queensland... within easy reach via the island's ferry service.

Redland Shire, for the record, is home to the new Raby Bay Canal Development. That particular development takes in a new marina and a huge shopping complex.

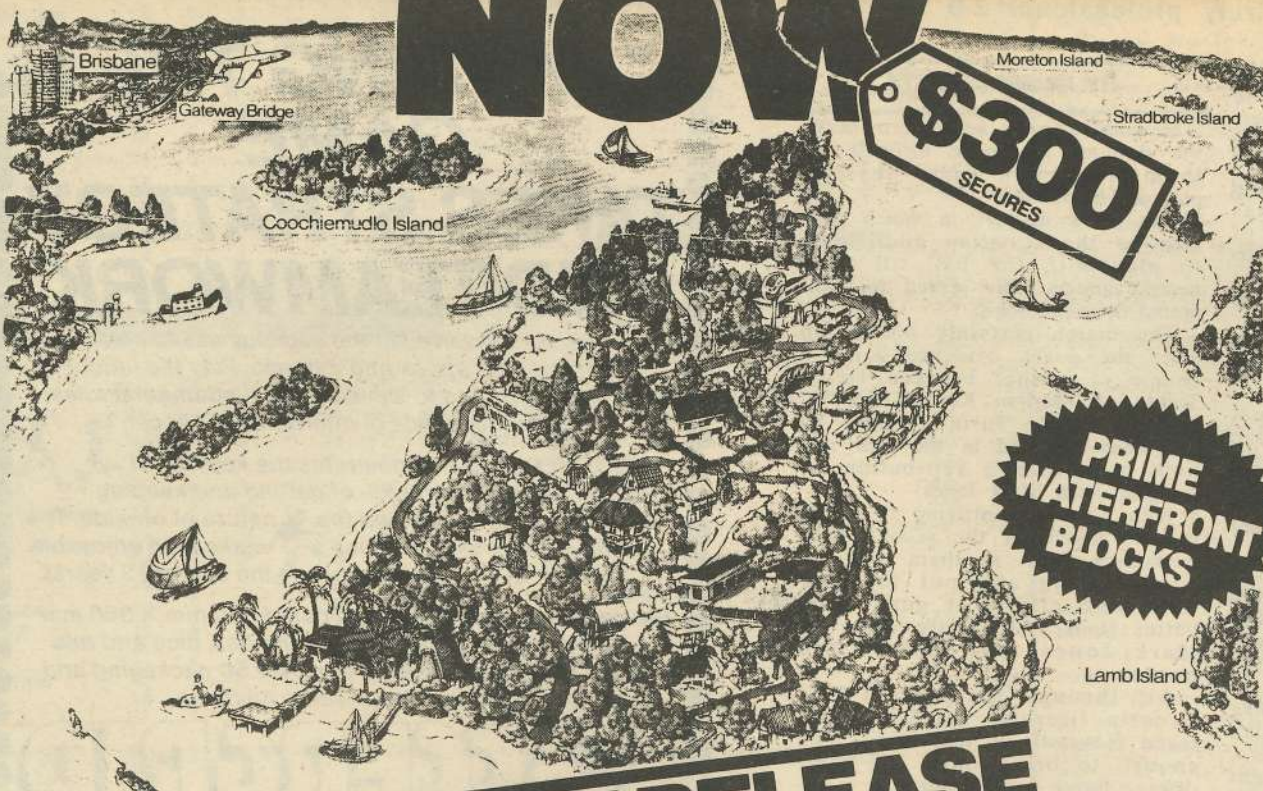
So what is Keith Warwick, through Queensland Acreage and Land Sales, offering?

"I guess we're offering a terrific way of life and a great investment opportunity rolled into one... a place with all the facilities you associate with city living. Moving to this particular island doesn't mean you have to do without the telephone, the shops, a good local service station," he said.

"Then there's the location of Macleay. No doubt about it... island block buyers will just have to pick up on their property values as the mainland development just over the water continues."

"I'd go so far as to say that Redland Bay and the surrounding area is set to become the new paradise for fun activities. Logically Macleay will become an off-shore — but not too far off-shore — millionaires' retreat in the years ahead."

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# MEIER THE HERO

BY JOHNNY WARREN

CANBERRA CITY .....1 SYDNEY OLYMPIC.....3

HAD Canberra City and Sydney Olympic been in a boxing match, referee Bob Marshall would have been justified in stopping it at half-time and awarding a TKO to Canberra, so dominant were the team from the national capital at the Bruce Stadium.

Of course, football is not about territorial dominance, chances created (and missed) and who deserves to win ... but about who scores the goals.

And Sydney Olympic, out-thought, out-fought and out-played by an impressively committed Canberra City for 90 minutes, would have time to reflect on the injustices of the game on their bus trip back from Canberra yesterday evening.

Had Olympic been celebrating on the journey home, the man receiving all the toasts would have to be goalkeeper Gary Meier.

Have Sydney Olympic ever had a finer servant than Meier, who also happens to be Australia's most under-rated goalkeeper?

For it was Meier alone who stood between Canberra City and what should have been a thoroughly deserved first home win of the season.

The first five minutes really symbolised what was to follow as Sydney Olympic conceded six corners in the first five minutes.

Olympic, on one of their rare break-aways, saw a first-class cross from Provan to Kalantzis whose header brought a save on the line from Byrne before Soper hooked in a five metre shot to open the scoring for Olympic.

Apart from an angled drive from Provan in the ninth minute which brought a typical save from Franken and another Provan chance in the 89th minute, that is the only time Olympic looked like scoring ... except of course when they did.

Kalantzis headed home the second goal from a Soper cross in the 66th minute and Ogun scored the third in the 88th minute from a Provan-Phillips move.

Ziras was sent off in the 63rd minute for allegedly kicking Phillips.

The turning point really came three minutes into the second half when, with Olympic leading 1-0, Lamond, who generated excitement every time he touched the ball, dribbled Meier only to hit his unbalanced shot over the bar with the goal at his mercy.

Yet it was left to Lamond to score Canberra's sole goal in the 72nd minute with a 20 metre shot which Meier almost miracu-

lously palmed over the bar.

**Man of the match: MANIS LAMOND**, surely the most exciting talent I've ever seen in Australian soccer, gets my nod for the entertainment value we see far too rarely in the Australian game.

**CANBERRA:** Franken, Ontong, Byrne, Harkins (Mihalidis 88), Jones, Ser-manni, Gibson, Dunn (Per-novic 67), Bryant, Phillips, Lamond.

**SYDNEY OLYMPIC:** Meier, Rogers, Ziras, Stankovic (Johnston 15), Jennings, Phillips, Rasko-poulos, Ogun, Provan, Soper (Patalis 81), Kalantzis.

REFEREE: B. Marshall.  
CROWD: 1,690.

## WOMEN'S SOCCER

## RELENTLESS MACQUARIE TAKE TITLE

BY KEITH GILMOUR

MACQUARIE really got their act together to win the Northern NSW senior State Championships in the series held in Lismore over the holiday weekend.

Coached by former Australian midfielder Julie Porter, Macquarie overcame every hurdle to end up undefeated in the series.

Central Coast ran out a very creditable second two points behind, but they were never destined to bridge the gap after losing 5-1 to Macquarie in the second round.

Actually the crunch game came in the fourth round when then undefeated Far North Coast and Macquarie met on a very heavy surface.

Goals from Karen Menzies (two), Cindy McInnes, Lisa Dunne and Julie Porter really cooked Far North Coast's goose.

Far North Coast struggled hard to overcome Macquarie's defensive stranglehold, capably led by Leah Wright.

Even as they found a chink in the Macquarie armour, goalkeeper Debbie Bonshore was in place to tidy up.

Renaye Iserief was the shining beacon for runners-up Central Coast. She was danger personified and netted six goals, three of which came in the 3-0 win over hapless Tamworth.

**FINAL POINTS:** Macquarie 10, Central Coast 8, Armidale 5, Far North Coast 5, Newcastle 2, Tamworth 0.

Central Coast won out in Under 17 grade and the Macquarie Under 15 girls became champions in their grade.

**FINAL POINTS:** U17: Central Coast 8, Macquarie 6, Far North Coast 4, Armidale 1, Tamworth 1. U15: Macquarie 8, Central Coast 3 and Armidale 0.

The entire affair was a great credit to the combination of Northern NSW and local officials.



## LEWIS BOMBS TOP CHANCE

BRISBANE LIONS .....3 GREEN GULLY.....1  
TWO penalties and an incredible miss by Paul Lewis decided the points when Brisbane Lions and Green Gully clashed at Richlands.

Lions won the match 3-1, but it was much closer than that and Gully have only themselves to blame for not returning to Melbourne with a point.

Lewis' miss was the main talking point after the game. With Lions ahead 2-1, the nippy Gully winger broke through the Brisbane defence and expertly rounded keeper Wayne Evans.

But he then hesitated before shooting, which gave Lions defenders Alan Hunter and Tony Redmond time to scramble back to the goal-line.

Despite still having a huge area at which to aim, Lewis fired straight at Hunter.

The ball hit Hunter on the arm, which brought muted penalty appeals, then hit the upright before being finally cleared by Redmond.

"You don't deserve points if you don't score goals," Green Gully coach Bobby McLachlan said afterwards.

Lions won the first penalty in the 25th minute after Gully captain Stuart Cannell inexplicably punched the ball during a heading duel with Hunter.

Alan Niven, who had a fine game, slotted away the penalty, although Gully keeper Lou Denys went close.

Lions, who had lost Bob McSkimming with a knee injury early on and had to reshuffle their defence, dominated possession in the first half with the Melbourne side relying on the break to get back into the game.

Ten minutes into the second half, the terms were levelled when Gul-

ly were somewhat fortunate to get a penalty after George Campbell was brought down by Redmond.

Redmond had done everything in his power to get out of the way and Campbell turned what in the end was only a slight nudge to a successful penalty appeal.

David Smallman made no mistake to make the score 1-1.

Five minutes later, Smallman kept Gully in the game when he cleared a Danny Wright shot off the line, but Lions looked to have the points wrapped up when Young Socceroo Richard Bassingthwaite capped a big-hearted performance with his first NSL goal — a cracking 20 metre drive.

Lions' third goal was a consolation effort in injury-time, but it was a well-worked move all the same.

Niven, who with John and Russell Stewart had an outstanding game for the Brisbane team, initiated the move with a neat pass to Wright.

The former Young Socceroo threw several dummies before sending the ever-alert John Ogden through a flat Gully defence.

Ogden's shot hit the upright but Calvin Daunt put away the scraps.

**BRISBANE LIONS:** Evans, McSkimming (T. Redmond 20), Hunter, Jackson, Niven, Bassingthwaite, R. Stewart, Ogden, Wright, J. Stewart, Daunt.

**GREEN GULLY:** Denys, Young, Murray, McLelland, Cannell, Smart (Lloyd 32), Lewis, Lucchesi, Williams, Smallman, Campbell.

REFEREE: B. Monteverde.  
CROWD: 911.

ABOVE: GARY MEIER makes a save for Sydney Olympic.

## RUSH'S NEW SPORT

IAN RUSH, the most lethal striker in Britain, will find it almost impossible to refuse the huge money offers now being made for his services by European clubs.

AC Milan have been keen to buy him for some time. Barcelona, Real Madrid and AS Roma are also hunting for Rush.

The player himself has developed a liking for another sport, clay pigeon shooting.

## PETER IS A KIWI

MUCH-CRITICISED FA Cup Final referee Peter Willis actually started his refereeing career in New Zealand.

His first match was between Leecholme and Binchester in 1963 in the Auckland and District League.

Before the controversial Manchester United v Everton Wembley final, Willis said: "I make mistakes but I do my best every game and I hope that comes through."



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# EDITORIAL

## SOCCER

### NEEDS

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## COVER

THE \$200,000 international series played in Australia was completed on Sunday.

ASW — like many soccer supporters — wondered what happened to live telecasts of matches.

Last year, Channel 0-28 (SBS-TV) provided direct telecasts of Australia's matches against visiting club sides played in Adelaide, Melbourne and Brisbane.

However, this year SBS missed out on the rights to live telecasts when negotiations with Australian Soccer Federation commercial director Peter Sheehan were unsuccessful.

ASW understands the non-commercial SBS network offered \$50,000 for a 10-match package, but the ASF wanted \$100,000.

The rights were then offered without success to commercial networks.

If the ASF and Sheehan's aim is to get coverage for soccer on commercial television, then they must have very short memories.

In 1983, the ASF announced a two-year arrangement to screen Australia's international matches on Channel 7.

However, promised live telecasts turned into edited highlights shown at 11pm, and the network's Australian soccer coverage fizzled out after six months.

During the current series, the Australian public was denied the chance to view the progress of its national team.

Naturally, televising matches in the city of origin is out of the question, but when Australia is playing in Adelaide, for example, viewers in Sydney and Melbourne should be catered for.

We believe Sheehan blundered by rejecting the SBS offer. The only way to increase crowds at Australia's matches is by increasing public awareness of the Socceros, and that can be achieved most successfully through television coverage.

SBS has done Australian soccer a great service by taking the Australian team and the National League into people's homes on a regular basis in recent years.

In fact the network is quite correctly recognised as the "soccer station."

It's just another example of a soccer supporter being kicked in the teeth.



# CHIT CHAT

NEW ZEALAND could provide tougher opposition than expected for the Socceros in the World Cup qualifying games later this year.

That's the warning Queensland officials brought back from Fiji after talking to touring English side Newcastle United, which played four games against the Kiwis.

The Queenslanders lunched with Newcastle officials in Suva and talked at length about New Zealand football.

"Newcastle officials told us that New Zealand had improved immensely since they played Newcastle on their British tour last year," QSF president IAN BRUSASCO said.

"They warned us not to underestimate New Zealand as they expect them to improve even further after their series with Fiji."



FRANK PIMBLETT's 200th NSL appearance for Brisbane City ended on a sad note.

A silver goblet which was presented to the talented midfielder to mark the occasion was dropped and broke.

SINCE the NSL started in 1977, in the Adelaide City clubrooms after every home match a "man of the match" award, selected by local pressmen, is presented.

The prize is a dinner for two, presented by the proprietor of Gennaro restaurant, ENZO SCIPIONI.

Mr Scipioni says that when he returns from watching Adelaide City play his receptionist asks if STEPHANIE and BUGSY are coming during the week.

Of course she is referring to "Mr Reliable", Adelaide City captain BUGSY NYSKOHUS — who has won the award more times than any other player in the team — and his wife.

Nyskohus, now a veteran at 34, has no intention of retiring next season.



SYDNEY CITY's young defender EAN RODRIGUES was born in India.

Coach EDDIE THOMSON reckons that Rodrigues goes about his work with such zest that he classes him as a real "Red Indian", and predicts a very bright future for him.



KERRY CABAN: back from injury.

TWO important Apia Leichhardt players, midfielder TOMMY McCULLOCH and striker KERRY CABAN, are on the way back from injury.

Former Australian Youth team captain McCulloch was forced to miss the Socceros' matches in the just-completed international series through knee ligament damage.

Caban, a real "warhorse" who often plays despite suffering from injury, has been able to get some rest due to the recent wet weather which caused the postponement of several NSL matches in Sydney.

BRISBANE LIONS midfielder RUSSELL STEWART has often been criticised for his attitude and antics in the past.

But he was congratulated by Queensland Soccer Federation president IAN BRUSASCO for being a "model tourist and a true soccer professional" during Queensland's recent tour of Fiji.



GOOD news for West Adelaide supporters: star player MANECAS, better known as the "Black Pearl", is back in training and should be fit and ready for selection next week.

Manecas played his last game against Footscray in Melbourne last season when West won 2-1.

He was brought from Porto SC (Portugal) in 1980 when GERRY CHALDI was at the helm at West Adelaide.



FORMER Aberdeen player DREW JARVIE, now St Mirren assistant manager, spent a few days with Brisbane City's JIM HERMISTON on his way to the Barrier Reef last week.

He spoke very highly of Sydney City's FRANK FARINA and GRAEME FLETCHER, who he had watched the previous week while a guest of EDDIE THOMSON.

# Readers Forum

## INCOMPETENT REFEREEING

I AM writing to complain about the incident which occurred between Sydney Olympic and Sydney Croatia at the Croatian Sports Centre last month.

The incident occurred when the Sydney Olympic striker Chris Kalantzis was challenged by a Sydney Croatia player. There was absolutely no attempt to play the ball by the Croatia player, who, I might add, deserved a red card and did not even get a warning.

The referee was so incompetent that he would not allow the Sydney Olympic trainer on the field to tend to Kalantzis, who eventually had to crawl off the field by himself.

This is only one of many incidents that have occurred and will continue to occur unless the referees are more strict on the players.

In closing, I believe that soccer is not soccer anymore.

MICHAEL TOTIDIS, Revesby, NSW.

## APPALLED BY 'HACK'

BEING an ex-junior PSL player and now playing with a leading State League club, I was appalled to see our so-called leading referee Peter Rampley allow such a disgusting "hack" (you could never call that a tackle) go unnoticed.

That "hack" could have easily ended a brilliant career for young Chris Kalantzis, while the other player would still be playing and adding nothing to the game. If he was in rugby league he surely would have received 12 months for his actions.

Peter Rampley made one of his biggest mistakes in not sending the player off and then reporting him to the ASF.

The manner in which Kalantzis was hacked was sheer brutality and this should be stamped out of the game.

SOCCER PLAYER, Sydney, NSW.

## A 25-YEAR CONTRAST

ON a recent Saturday evening, those people in the range of SBS television had the opportunity and privilege of watching a replay of the famous European Cup Final of 1960 between Real Madrid and Frankfurt. Later that night they could watch and compare today's so-called modern football in the FA Cup Final (Everton v Man Utd).

After watching both matches — and what a contrast they were — it only confirmed in my mind what is wrong with today's soccer and what was right with yesterday's soccer.

In the Real Madrid game, there was not one offside play for the first 70 minutes and neither team played the offside trap at all at any stage of the game. As well there was none of the epidemic back-passing to the goalkeeper.

As for dirty play or foul play, there was few if any of what we

apologetically call today professional fouls, or any sort of vicious play.

As for trench warfare midfield centre defensive play, well the scoreline tells its own story.

Then we come to FA Cup Final. As the scoreline shows, Man Utd won the match but Everton won a special prize for the way they have perfected the offside trap.

They also won a special prize for the number of times they passed the ball back to the goalkeeper unnecessarily.

As for the number of professional fouls committed by players, both teams shared that prize even though Moran was sent off. The prize for the most ultra-defensive approach to the game must again go to Everton but only narrowly.

In summary, the 1985 FA Cup Final was a disgraceful game of soccer which was only partially retrieved after Moran was sent off and Man Utd played on with 10 men. This Everton team for my money confirmed that all the criticism of them by English commentators was correct. They are a disgrace to previous really great Everton teams up until 1970, who over the years represented what was good and great about English football.

SOCCER FAN, Sydney, NSW.



# AUSSIES ARE ON THE WAY

AUSTRALIA.....2 VASCO DA GAMA.....1

THE possibility of the Socceroos playing in next year's World Cup Finals in Mexico is no longer a dream — it has become a reality.

The performance of the national team when they downed Brazilian hotshots Vasco da Gama 2-1 to win the \$200,000 international series at the MCG on Sunday was one to behold.

Here at last was an Australian outfit organised to a tee, playing a mature brand of modern soccer capable of defeating any team.

With 100,000 prizemoney at stake, this clash was for real — that you had better believe.

Tactics were in evidence, tackling was fierce and it was a case of "devil take the hindmost".

From the start it was obvious that master coach Frank Arok had thoroughly analysed his earlier clash against the Brazilians and had planned accordingly.

With superb self-discipline and showing no signs of over-anxiety, the Socceroos sat back and waited on Vasco to come at them.

When this happened they hit back on the counter-attack with devastating effects.

These excellent tactics paid an early dividend in the seventh

BY TOM ANDERSON  
IN MELBOURNE

minute when John Kosmina opened the scoring with a brilliant header from a David Ratcliffe cross on the right.

But their joy was short-lived as Romula equalised for Vasco in the 36th minute with a shot that went in off the upright.

From then on it was all-action stuff with play swinging from end to end.

Then four minutes from the final whistle Kosmina once again got the breakthrough all Australia was hoping for.

With a magnificent shot that went in off the post, Kossie grabbed the winner.

A bonny goal to put the finishing touches on a wonderful series for the Socceroos.

The action came thick and fast throughout and indeed eight cautions were handed out by referee Chris Bambridge, with Brazilian Vitor getting his marching orders a couple of minutes from time.

There was not a weak link in the Socceroo team: the defence was solid, the midfield was fluent and the strikeforce was lethal — which adds up to a superb combination.

To sum up: a marvellous performance and one that had the fans scurrying to the travel agents to book a flight for Mexico next year.

**Man of the match:** JOHN KOSMINA was the hero of the hour with two brilliant goals.

**AUSTRALIA:** Greedy; Odzakov, Ratcliffe, Yankos, O'Connor, Jennings; Watson (Patikas 68), Murphy (Brown 74), Crino; Soper, Kosmina.

**VASCO DA GAMA:** Aca-cio; Donato, Nel, Nene, Vitor; Ivan, Mauricinho, Gilberto, Claudio (Geovani 65); Dinamite, Romula.  
REFEREE: C. Bambridge.  
CROWD: 10,000.



JOHN KOSMINA, rated the man of the match in Australia's two international fixtures this week, in action against Vasco da Gama.

## SOCCERROO NIGHT OF GLORY IN ADELAIDE

AUSTRALIA.....2 UDINESE.....1

BY DAVID JACK  
IN ADELAIDE

AUSTRALIA's four matches in the international series drew much praise for the players, yet nobody would doubt that the greatest of all their performances was seen in the unlikely arena of Adelaide's Football Park.

This was the night when Udinese, rated by some as the top side in the series, were humbled 2-1 by Australia.

What a pity the outstanding exhibition was seen only by some 8,000 spectators in the 50,000-capacity stadium... and there was no live TV interstate to convince the doubters of Australia's quality.

Indeed, the match will perhaps be remembered more for what happened immediately after it ended than for the actual 90 minutes of outstanding action.

Under the impression that referee Donald Campbell had played a short second half, several Udinese players protested vigorously and, indeed, physically to him when he called time up with Australia 2-1 winners.

Campbell admitted he was "struck a

blow" by one of the Udinese players when I interviewed him immediately after he returned to his dressing room.

In fact, there was no need for Campbell to tell us... we saw it happen.

For reasons which escape me, there was some attempt subsequently to pretend it didn't really happen as we saw it happen.

Yet if no blow was struck, why did the Italian delegation hasten straight from the interview room to apologise abjectly to the referee in his dressing room?

And why were four players fined heavily after Udinese surveyed video of the incident — fulfilling the promise that "somebody would be punished?"

Enough of the controversy. Let us turn to the match itself.

The first half belonged to Australia, though it brought no goals to either team.

Marshall Soper and Zarko Odzakov both had chances to put the home side in front but failed in front of goal.

Udinese's only goal chance came when Giorgio Papais was bundled over in the penalty area by Ken Murphy but no penalty was awarded.

In the second half, with the Socceroos improving minute by minute, the first goal fell to Oscar Crino in the 58th minute as he took advantage of defensive hesitancy.

Skipper John Kosmina was the architect, the man who made the bullet for Crino to fire.

Twelve minutes later, a fine long shot by Paolo Miano put the Italians level at 1-1, but Australia was not to be denied.

Placing his trust in a gambler's lucky throw, coach Frank Arok brought on three fresh players, Brown, Patikas and Petersen, in place of Murphy, Watson and Crino.

And it was the "un-

known" Petersen who delivered the goods, getting a fine winning goal only four minutes after entering the fray — and seven minutes before the referee called a controversial ending to the proceedings.

I have rarely seen an Australian team perform so well.

**Man of the match:** JOHN KOSMINA, who made both goals

in a welcome return to form, capping one of his very best displays in the Green and Gold.

**AUSTRALIA:** Oliver, Dunn, Jennings, Ratcliffe, Yankos, Murphy (Patikas 73), Crino (Petersen 83), Watson (Brown 73), Soper, Kosmina, Odzakov.

**UDINESE:** Brini, Galparoli, Cattaneo, Gerolin, Susic, De Agostini, Papais (Dominissini 87), Miano, Carnevale, Robertino (Marcelo 45), Criscinanni.  
REFEREE: D. Campbell.  
CROWD: 8,000.



## NOW SPURS COME GOOD

BY DAVID JACK

TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR, playing their last overseas match before succumbing to FIFA's world-wide ban, finally came good in the international series when they gave Udinese a 4-1 thrashing.

The patient Spurs fans had waited a long time to see some convincing action from their favourite team and it all fell into place at the MCG when the London side dodged the tournament wooden-spoon to claim third place prizemoney.

As their manager Peter Shreeves said later: "My players have taken a fair amount of flak in Australia but they came back well here."

"I believe Udinese had the best player in the tournament in their number 7, Mauro."

"I thought Vasco would be technically better than the Socceroos in the final but I was proved wrong," added Shreeves.

"Summing-up, I must congratulate Australia on winning the series and producing a highly-talented side, the key to which is sweeper Yankos, who could do well in any English First Division team."

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## Bingham shows the way ahead

**J**IM SHOULDER's National Youth squad to contest the World Youth Championship for the FIFA/Coca-Cola Cup in Russia in August 15 is looking good.

Coach Shoulder's preparations for the WYC are coming into place nicely and as usual he's bang on target.

This was evident in Sydney last week when 16 of Australia's most talented youngsters got together for an important

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three-day workout.

Missing were six other key members of the squad who were in Europe gaining great success with the touring Australian Institute of Sport team under the watchful



PETER PETKOVSKI (standing), a prominent member of Australia's Youth team, in action for club side St George.

# YOUNG ROOS PREPARE FOR RUSSIA

BY TOM ANDERSON, who will cover the World Youth Championship Finals in Russia.

eye of Shoulder's national youth team assistant Ron Tindall and his AIS assistant Ron Smith.

Plus, of course, national Youth team skipper Andrew Bernal who is still in Spain.

The Sydney get-together was part of the FIFA/Coca-Cola International Coaching Academy being conducted here by Northern Ireland World Cup manager Billy Bingham and FIFA technical man Heinz Marotzke.

The shrewd Shoulder took this wonderful opportunity to get his lads together so as they could benefit from a few workouts under the control of Bingham, who is a past master of preparing teams for World Cup Finals.

The first two days were spent on training and tactical work, with a full-scale game on the final day.

The young Aussies looked fit, strong and skilled and an outfit that has obviously been splendidly drilled.

First impressions of the players are their wonderful physiques and they certainly look the part at this stage in proceedings.

Preston striker Warren Spink, back in the squad, looked very sharp and this fellow certainly knows the way to goal.

St George youngster Peter Petkovski was also prominent and full of confidence.

Sydney Olympic's Chris Kalantzis was bubbling over with his usual enthusiasm, and here is one young man set to make his mark in Minsk!

In fact every player assembled by Shoulder looked every inch a young thoroughbred.

"This was a wonderful opportunity to get the lads involved with such a fine and proven international coach as Billy Bingham," Shoulder said.

"He's been through it all, both as an international player and as a World Cup coach."

Bingham played in the 1958 World Cup Final series in Sweden with Northern Ireland and in an FA Cup Final with Luton Town and also gave distinguished service to Everton and Sutherland in the English First Division.

He guided Northern Ireland to an unbelievable British Championship win in 1980 and took his team to the 1982 World Cup Finals in Spain.

It was in Spain that he introduced to the world Manchester United's Norman Whiteside — as a 17-year-old.

"Billy's approach and coaching has had a big effect on the lads' thinking and it has given them a great insight into what is required for Russia," Shoulder continued.

"It was a valuable exercise and we will continue to build from here until the kick-off in Minsk against Russia on August 24."

Bingham said he was impressed with the Young Socceroos.

"They are as good as players anywhere else in the world at this age," the little Irishman declared.

"I also was a FIFA technical observer at the 1983 WYC in Mexico where I was impressed by the Australian team.

"Australia were as good as any team in the series.

"I'm also impressed with the Australian Soccer Federation's fine youth policy.

"Australia has a team in the Youth Finals in Russia and in the Under 16 Finals in China and this is an excellent achievement.

"The only way to insure proper development of the game in any country is to foster young players.

"Australia is certainly on the ball in this respect and it certainly will mean progress in the future."

Coach Shoulder said that he now plans to have at least three further camps before he takes his team on the trail to Russia.

Also games in conjunction with the next international series here in August are scheduled.



TOP: BILLY BINGHAM directs Alex Bundalo (left) and Chris Kalantzis during the Young Socceroos camp in Sydney last week.

ABOVE: NATIONAL Youth coach, Jim Shoulder.

Plans on the journey to Russia have yet to be finalised but when the route is known games will be organised.

"At the moment we await travelling arrangements from FIFA and we could either travel via Japan or Europe," disclosed ASF executive director Brian Emery.

"As soon as the travelling arrangements are finalised, we will announce where we are playing warm-up games.

"Everything now depends on these travelling arrangements.

"However, you can be assured the squad will be given good competition to bring them to a peak before they arrive in Russia."

Shoulder will announce his squad to travel next month.

Also very much to the fore in Russia during the series will be ASF president, Sir Arthur George.

Sir Arthur has been appointed by FIFA as head of the disciplinary board for the series.

This was the position he held during the 1983 Finals in Mexico.

**NEXT WEEK:  
AUSTRALIA'S  
UNDER 16s  
GET READY  
FOR CHINA**



# 'Play national teams'

**F**ORMER Scottish international Willie Wallace, currently coaching Penrith City in the Northern Division of the National League, believes Australia should be playing other national teams in the lead-up to the World Cup elimination series.

He says the Australian team has again proved in the just-completed international series that it can play well against club sides.

"But I'd like to see our national team play other national teams," Wallace said.

"On the world tour we played one full international match and lost.

"In this tournament we played against Tottenham Hotspur with half a team, Udinese with a few key players missing, and Vasco da Gama, who to me were a second-rate Brazilian side.

"In saying that, I don't take anything away from the Aussie lads, who have improved over the last two years. However, I think they could have shown even more improvement by playing against international teams."

In discussing the national team, Wallace called for an end to the endemic "knocking" of the Socceroos and particularly coach Frank Arok.

"I think people should support Arok and hope he's doing the right thing instead of looking for problems and faults.

"The players ARE available; they've proved they can be hard to beat.

"Arok knows what he wants to do and people should let him get on with the job."

Wallace scaled the heights as a player with Scottish giants Glasgow Celtic, who strung together a record nine Scottish championship wins.

He also won a European Cup winners medal when Celtic became the first British club to win the Cup in 1967.

His coaching experience began with three years at Dundee, during which time the club was promoted to the Scottish Premier Division.

In 1980 he came to Australia and spent two-and-a-half years with Apia Leichhardt, shaping a team which boasted young stars like Ian Gray, Paul Carter and John Bradley.

After one season with Wollongong City, he was appointed as coach of Penrith City when the newly-formed club was accepted into the NSL for the 1984 season.

**When he took on the job, Wallace was in the unique position of not having a single player on the books: yet he assembled a competitive, if unspectacular, squad which secured Penrith's place in the League last season.**

In the current campaign, Penrith City have recorded some memorable results: 1-0 wins over 1984's top two teams, Sydney City and Sydney Olympic, and a 2-2 draw with this year's pacesetters Sydney Croatia.

Wallace is naturally pleased with those results, but adds: "We have also given away silly points and we could be in a much better position than we're in."

He said there has been a distinct improvement in midfield this year.

"Last year our defence was solid and tight and the same applies this year, but

we're also a little bit better equipped in the middle of the park now."

In midfield Ian Wotherspoon has been joined by Bobby Hebb, signed from Mt Druitt Town, and Brian Jackson, who has looked the part since Wallace moved him back from the forward-line.

"There is more ability in midfield now, but in saying that I still think we can do better."

Up-front, Wallace says young Randell Easthorpe is continually improving, while former Youth Socceroo star Ian Hunter has picked up his form after a dismal 1984 season.

**In goalkeeper Mike Gibson, Penrith have a player whom Wallace believes could push for Socceroo honours in the future.**

"Last year we dropped him and started all over again with him, and he has improved out of sight.

"I would rate him and Anthony Franken as the best goalkeepers in this division, as they are the most consistent."

Gibson and Franken are two young Australians who have emerged as top-class players in the last couple of years.

However, Wallace says there are not enough quality youngsters coming through to senior level — and that has disappointed him.

"Since I came here in 1980, I haven't seen a tremendous amount of improvement in the game.

"There are good young Aussie players coming through, but not in the volume we need."

He believes the game needs 20 to 25 young stars like Jimmy Patikas and Frank Farina coming through each year to make Australia's National League comparable to any in the world.

In the final year of his contract with

**WILLIE WALLACE**



**IN THE HOT SEAT**

**BY BRAD EARL**

Penrith, Wallace's immediate ambition is to guide the club into the best possible position in the League.

**In the long term, his aim as a coach is "to go as far as I can — the same ambition I had as a player."**

That ambition and the attraction of professional football could eventually take him back to Britain, but right now Wallace and his family are quite happily settled in Australia.

He has justified his ranking as one of the country's leading coaches through his astute team building programmes and Australian soccer can only benefit from his experience at the top level.

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# BLATANT DISCRIMINATION

## SOCCER FANS MUST STAND UP AND BE COUNTED

IT really is time for soccer fans to stand up and be counted.

There is no doubt in my mind that soccer, in the 26 years I have been closely associated with the sport in this country, is grossly discriminated against.

But despite the justified complaints and talk amongst ourselves, nothing will really change until we do something about it.

The latest case, where the Sydney press destroyed the international tournament at the SCG with blatant scare stories prior to the match, is the latest case in a long list of anti-soccer media.

So penetrating were the "news" stories that there would be a repeat of the Brussels violence at the SCG that my 10-year-old daughter who went to the matches with me expressed fear that there could be trouble and perhaps we should not go.

The scare tactics had their effect — only 13,004 fans to what was a first-class soccer attraction.

But, as we all know, the anti-soccer feeling goes a lot deeper.

Some people earn their living out of sport, yet take every conceivable opportunity to hit soccer.

Sydney columnist Ken Laws is the leader in this field.

I reproduce one of his many below-the-belt shots at soccer in a recent column in the SYDNEY SUN newspaper.

I offer no comment — soccer fans would be bored if I were to repeat statistics on the world game.

I simply say that Norman Whiteside's goal showed more skill than the entire State of Origin rugby league game and that the attraction of soccer is skill.

## SAVED BY OLD BILL

THERE are some magic moments in sport.

There are many spontaneous moments — things that happen only once in a lifetime.

For example, Torvill and Dean's magic on ice at the Winter Olympics, or Dennis Lillee breaking the world record for wicket-taking.

And there were Dean Lukin's and Jon Seiben's wonderful wins at the LA Olympics.

Of course there are moments that never happen in a lifetime, like North Sydney doing a lap of honour at the SCG or Greg Norman saying he can't win one of the major tournaments.

But there are some magic moments in sport that really are contrived and happen regularly.

Like 2.40pm on the first Tuesday in November when a nation stops for a horse race; or when the biggest choir



in the world belts out a number at Cardiff Arms Park; or the closing ceremony at an Olympic Games.

We saw another of them on Saturday night.

To me, it's a magic moment when the players come out of the tunnel at Wembley before a Cup final.

One hundred thousand people erupt.

It always amazed me. Why on earth do they go? Nine times out of 10 the game's dead boring.

In fact nine out of 10 Soccer games are dead boring and there's more action off the field than on.

I reckon there's so much violence in the stands at Soccer because the crowd gets bored and needs to keep warm somehow.

Soccer is the eighth wonder of the world. The wonder is why it attracts so many spectators around the world.

I watch the FA Cup every year, mainly for that moment before the game.

When I was younger, fitter and sillier, I'd make it through to the end of the match.

Nowadays I can only admire the resilience of youth.

I made it to half-time on Sunday morning, but only just. It was the most boring 45 minutes of sport I've seen in many a long day.

The goals were only seriously threatened once and the scoreline 0-0 was a perfect indication of the fare served up.

And fancy having to wait more than 100 minutes to see a score at a game of football. That even makes croquet exciting.

Thank heavens for William Webb Ellis.

You remember old Bill. He was the bloke who got sick and tired of kicking the ball around the field and not getting much of a result.

So he picked the ball up and ran with it.

Little did he know what the ramifications of his action would be. Single-handedly (well, with both hands), he saved Australia from a fate worse than gridiron.

He started the game of Rugby, which ultimately led to Rugby League and Australian Rules and saved us from having no alternative but to follow Soccer.

He should be canonised.



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## JAMES HARDIE CUP IN CANBERRA

THIS highly prestigious tournament is a knock-out competition for primary school soccer teams in the Canberra region.

It is organised by the ACT Primary School Sports Association each year.

The final is played as a curtain-raiser to a National League game involving Canberra City Olympians.

This year's final will be played prior to Canberra v Blacktown City match on Sunday July 14 at Bruce Stadium.

Past winners have been: Weetangera Primary School (1978, 1979, 1980, 1984); Hawker (1981); St

Edmund's College (1982); Page (1983).

This year, 24 teams entered the competition. All first and second round games have been played.

Last year's winner, Weetangera, is again in contention for a place in the final. However, strong chal-

lenges are coming from St Anthony's, Wanniasa, Cook, North Ainslie, Hawker and Fraser primary schools.

At the time of going to press, Weetangera and Hawker are through to the quarter-finals.

First round losers

play in a consolation competition allowing more participation.

For the first year a Queanbeyan school has entered the competition.

The support of James Hardie Industries is highly valued by primary school soccer in the ACT.



ABOVE: THE successful Drummoyne High School team who beat Chatswood High School 1-0 in a recent Commonwealth Bank Soccer Cup game.

RIGHT: SAKO SOGHOMONIAN, the Chatswood captain, takes a free-kick. His outstanding display kept Drummoyne down to a 1-0 win. (The same player has since broken his ankle in another game.)

(PHOTOS: I. KLEPAC)

## FIFA Appeals to Society

FEW would not endorse the official FIFA statement on the Brussels tragedy...

"FIFA is appalled and deeply sorrowed by the tragic incidents which occurred at the Final of the UEFA Champion Clubs' Cup in Brussels.

"On behalf of the World Football Federation, FIFA president João Havelange offers condolences and profoundest sympathy to the bereaved families and friends.

"The alarming increase of clashes, with serious consequences, afflicting football recently, both in Europe and overseas, induces FIFA to recall with the greatest emphasis the Memorandum against violence issued in November 1984, as well as the Resolutions of the Executive Committee concerning guarantees of safety at football grounds, passed on 28 April this year.

"FIFA will make every endeavour within its power to ensure that the required measures are imposed by the national associations, and will not hesitate to resort to harsh sanctions against match organisers who fail to take adequate precautions.

"FIFA is fully aware that the struggle against football violence cannot be won single-handed. That is why the Fédération Internationale de Football Association fervently appeals once again to all the social powers involved to make a supreme and concerted effort to oppose violence in all forms and in all walks of life."



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# PATIKAS & GOMEZ

**T**HE emergence of Jim Patikas and Gerry Gomez as star players has been an interesting experience for me.

I first came across them in the Sydney City youth team five years ago.

They were playing against Wollongong United (Macedonia), which I was coaching in State League Division Two.

Neither Gomez nor Patikas gave us much trouble and I was not particularly impressed with either of them.

Of course they were just lads and very inexperienced, but even allowing for that they did not show a lot.

However, I was not of a mind to write them off because Eddie Thomson had told me they both were hot prospects.

At that time I did not have the respect for Eddie's judgment of players as I do now.

*Just  
look  
at  
them  
now!*



BY **MIKE  
JOHNSON**



GERRY GOMEZ (left) displays his competitiveness as he goes in for the ball.

Anyway, sure enough the two boys have proven him right and are now key figures in Australia's World Cup hopes.

The reason that they failed to impress me in their early years is because both lacked skill.

Their emergence as top players is based, in the main, on their physical qualities, which have increased as they have grown. Both are very strong.

Patikas' strength is seen in his explosive bursts of speed and his ability to hold off players.

With Gomez it is readily seen in his great jumping, which makes him so dangerous at set-plays, and also in his biting tackling.

Apart from his heading ability, Gomez does not do anything particularly great. He has average all-round skills.

On the other hand he is a great competitor.

He is an excellent example of a player who plays close to his potential each week.

A former manager of Everton years ago said that a player's performance was attributable to 20 percent skills and 80 percent attitude.

I tend to think that is an exaggeration

and 50 percent either way in skill and attitude is the mixture that determines a player's performance.

However, Gomez certainly is a great model of character in action.

Sydney Croatia are using Patikas' best attributes, as he times his runs from behind to join up in attack, very much in the way Terry McDermott used to do at Liverpool.

McDermott scored a hatful of goals for Liverpool, just as Patikas is doing for Croatia.

However, when Craig Johnston took over the same role at Liverpool when McDermott moved on, he had nowhere near the same effect.

Patikas is not the all-round player, yet. He needs to be used so that his great power is exploited to its maximum.

When this is done he can be quite devastating.

Whether things can be tailored to his needs in the international team, as it can be at club level is debatable.

This is something Frank Arok, and perhaps subsequent national coaches, will have to weigh up.

The answers they come up with could have a big bearing on Patikas' international future.



JIM PATIKAS: Sydney Croatia are exploiting his great power to its maximum.



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# JUNIOR SCENE



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## CRAIG FOSTER FOR CHINA

**NORTHERN NSW representative.** Craig Foster has won a place in the Australian Under 16 team for the forthcoming China tour.

Craig followed his talented brother Paul into the Kadina High School team that has done so well in the Commonwealth Bank Soccer Cup.

They hail from the small township of Goonellabah, on the

outskirts of the city of Lismore on the NSW Far North Coast.

In addition to his experience in schools football, Craig has represented Northern NSW in Under 13, 14 and 15 national titles.

Whilst his aim is to

represent Australia at soccer and become a sports scientist, he also enjoys cricket, basketball and squash.

It's a great move forward to be off to China for a lad who started out in soccer as a tender five-year-old.



## Welcome back, SA schools

**SOUTH AUSTRALIA's** Education Department has responded to pressure from soccer and re-entered the Australian Schoolboy Championships.

It seemed that soccer would be on the outside because of a

claimed clash with the National Championships conducted by Australian Soccer Federation and the National Junior Council.

But with some prompting from SA director of coaching Mike Wells and local officials, the problem was thought through and SA is back on the bandwagon.

"Not only that," Wells told us, "we have been promised a deal of technical support."

The SA Schoolgirls want to be in Canberra for their titles on Sept 2/6 also, but they are still awaiting

a decision on their case.

In Victoria, the schools representative teams badly need an injection of players from the private schools system.

Victorian director of coaching Jim White is concerned about this issue.

He said: "I am judged by the success or otherwise of Victorian state teams. How can I do the job properly if I can't select some of the best players?"

This is a matter to be sorted out at Australian Schools Soccer Federation level. It can't wait any longer.

## TWO WINNERS



**YOUNG** Glenn Johnson, Blacktown City Under 14 Youth League striker, received the thrill of his lifetime when former England captain Kevin Keegan posed for his picture with him at the NSW Soccer Federation headquarters at Parklea.

Glenn's team won the 1985 Mini Ampol Cup in the final replay against Marconi Stadium.

## QUEENSLAND 'TOP FIVE' DOUBLE UP

**FIVE** members of Queensland's National Youth Championship-winning side are in the state Schoolboys team for the national championships in Canberra in September.

Jarrod Austin, Cameron Pearse, Greg Darrington, Domonic Tonel and Dale Dawes were in the young Maroons squad which lifted the national trophy last month.

And they all featured in the recently-completed state Schoolboys titles at Spencer Park.

North Queensland won the final 2-0, beating Brisbane South Logan Coast.

The Queensland Schoolboys team is: Graham Ross, Jason Kearton, Cameron Pearse, David Hunter, Dale Dawes, Andy Jones, Domonic Tonel, Greg Darrington, Colin Junna, Paul Petersen, Jan Welchmann, Scott Bell, Jarrod Austin, Wayne Olivero, Mark Falkiner, Scott Rackley.

## SERDERON THE PLASTIC MAN PRIZE



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Contribution can be in story and/or pictorial form. Photographs should be in black and white although colour snaps are usually satisfactory as well.

The decision of the editorial staff of ASW will be final.

## COUNTRY REPRESENTATIVES

U/15

**CARLO VILLANI**

**BIRTHDATE:** 1.9.70

**POSITION:** Left-half

**CLUB:** United

**ASSOCIATION:** AWSA

**SCHOOL:** North Albury High

**MAIN HONOURS AS PLAYER:** Represented school and Albury-Wodonga reps

**AMBITIONS:** Play with Socceroos, play in World Cup

**AMBITIONS IN LIFE:** Go to Australian Institute of Sport

**AGE COMMENCED SOCCER:** 4

**FIRST CLUB:** United



**CRAIG CARTWRIGHT**

**BIRTHDATE:** 1970

**POSITION:** Forward

**CLUB:** Lavington

**ASSOCIATION:** AWSA

**MAIN HONOURS AS PLAYER:** AWSA rep player



U/16

**SHANE MAUNDRELL**

**BIRTHDATE:** 11.5.69

**POSITION:** Right full-back or stopper

**CLUB:** Hanwood first grade

**ASSOCIATION:** Griffith

**SCHOOL:** Wade High

**MAIN HONOURS AS PLAYER:** NSW Country

**AMBITIONS:** To play to the best of my ability

**AMBITIONS IN LIFE:** To compete in a triathlon and get a good job

**AGE COMMENCED SOCCER:** 7

**FIRST CLUB:** East Griffith



**CRAIG PRESTAGE**

**BIRTHDATE:** 11.9.69

**POSITION:** Goalkeeper

**CLUB:** Hanwood

**ASSOCIATION:** Griffith

**SCHOOL:** Wade High

**MAIN HONOURS AS PLAYER:** NSW Country

**AMBITIONS:** Play as long as possible

**AMBITIONS IN LIFE:** Enjoy all sport and have a good job

**AGE COMMENCED SOCCER:** 6

**FIRST CLUB:** East Griffith



**CRAIG WELDON**

**BIRTHDATE:** 6.8.69

**POSITION:** Left full-back and centre-half

**CLUB:** Hotspurs

**ASSOCIATION:** AWSA

**SCHOOL:** Albury North High

**MAIN HONOURS AS PLAYER:** NSW Country

**AMBITIONS:** To keep playing soccer to the best of my ability

**AMBITIONS IN LIFE:** Study Economics and Law

**AGE COMMENCED SOCCER:** 6

**FIRST CLUB:** Hotspurs



**DEREK BOYER**

**BIRTHDATE:** 14.6.69

**POSITION:** Left wing

**CLUB:** Hotspurs

**ASSOCIATION:** AWSA

**SCHOOL:** Xavier High

**MAIN HONOURS AS PLAYER:** NSW Country

**AMBITIONS:** Play for Australia

**AMBITIONS IN LIFE:** Live as long as I can

**AGE COMMENCED SOCCER:** 7

**FIRST CLUB:** Hotspurs





## SOUTHERN DISTRICTS BATTLE THROUGH

THE boys of the Southern Districts Youth League team, playing in Group B of the U14 competition, are finding it pretty hard going in 1985.

Having only one player carrying over from last year's team, coach Rob Neesam found that he had only six starters three weeks prior to the beginning of the competition.

After a quick phone-around and by word-of-mouth, they were fortunate enough to find 14 lads.

After a limited time together, they are now giving their best effort, being narrowly defeated in two 1-0 games and convincingly in the others.

The lads will be in there fighting

in the second round to try and improve their position on the table.

Using 1985 as a building year and by gaining a few stronger players, results should improve in 1986.

This year's team comprises:

Damon Jessiman, Andrew Poles, Scott Johanson, Rodney Curry, Peter Damjan-cuk, Mate Novokmet, Steven Bagaric, Stephen Bagaric, Stephen Monsalve, Sam Galea, Craig Unicomb, Dario Lastro, Ighsaan Jacobs, Alan Paric, David Sinsich. Coach: Rob Neesam. Manager: Rick Johanson.

## SUTHERLAND SHIRE YOUTH LEAGUERS

SUTHERLAND SHIRE is one of the most compact associations in NSW.

They take great pride in bringing youngsters through to their State League club.

As an example of just how far they can go with local products, have a look at this year's Under 14 squad.

The boys are drawn from no less than nine local junior clubs — Cronulla Seagulls, Miranda, Heathcote, Sylvania, Como-Jannali, St Patricks, Georges River, Kirrawee and Gympie.



**SUTHERLAND UNDER 12s**

BACK ROW: John Reynolds (coach), Bill Hardman (manager).  
MIDDLE ROW: Ryan Timewell, William Hardman, Benjamo Schulz, Aaron Wax, Jason Packer, Matthew Booker, Simon Holloway.  
FRONT ROW: Brendan Groll, Aaron Harris, Darren Bennicke, Amir Ajanovic, Dean Makin, Michael Harte, Andrew Hunter.



**SUTHERLAND UNDER 13s**

BACK ROW: Mark Allingham, Wayne Broadhurst, Greg Hibbins, Brett Kirby, Glenn Trevellian, James Mead, Adrian Blackburn.  
FRONT ROW: Paul Badolato, Robert Deeth, Shane Giakoumis, Phillip Hutt, Shane Honey, Nick Wrightson, Charlie Mellino.

# REF SCORES FOR POINT

## YOUTH LEAGUE

RD 11 — SAT JUNE 8  
GROUP A

	U13	U14	U15	U16
Illawarra v Apia	2-2	0-2	3-0	0-5
Canterbury-M'ville v Granville	3-2	0-0	8-0	1-0
Sydney Olympic v Sutherland	2-0	1-0	2-0	3-1
Nepean v Marconi	1-2	3-0	2-2	0-0
St George v Blacktown City — deferred.				

GROUP B

Southern Dists v Melita	1-0	0-11	1-2	0-2
Gladesville v Avala	3-0	0-2	1-1	1-2
Baulkham Hills v Nth Bankstown,				
Central Coast v Manly — deferred.				

GROUP C

Macarthur v Yugal	16-0	0-0	2-0	1-0
Bankstown v Bathurst '75	2-0	4-2	11-1	1-0
Rockdale v Campbelltown, Canterbury v Sydney City				
— deferred; Blacktown — bye.				

METROPOLITAN CHAMPIONSHIPS  
ROUND 1B

	U12
Bankstown v Macarthur	5-0
Canterbury v St George	2-1
Granville v Ku-ring-gai	5-0
All other matches deferred (no U11 matches played).	

MARCONI earned a point against Nepean in Under 15 Youth League thanks to a freak goal "scored" by the referee.

A cross struck referee Alf Peschel and went into the goal to earn Marconi's second equaliser in a 2-2 draw.

Under Law IX, which states that the ball is in play if it rebounds off either the referee or linesmen when they are in the field of play, the unfortunate ref had to award the goal.

Nepean had gone one-up in the first minute of play with a goal by Matthew Toohey, brother of Penrith City NSL player Michael.

Marconi equalised to make the half-time score 1-1. Paul Hunter netted for Nepean before Marconi equalised again.

The points were also shared in a scoreless top-of-the-table U16 encounter between Nepean and Marconi.

Nepean coach Stan Ackerley said it was a strong team effort from his lads without any outstanding individual performances.

Nepean had more chances to score, including one second half effort which cannoned off the crossbar.

Marconi are now one point off the pace in Group A, with Apia joining Nepean at the top following their 5-0 whitewash of Illawarra.

While Nepean's U14s scored a morale-boosting 3-0 win over Marconi, one of their former team-mates was helping Melita Eagles to an 11-0 win over Southern Districts.

Ronnie Heeps was playing his first game for Melita after transferring from Nepean and celebrated with a hat-trick.

Strikers Paul Rago and Matthew Bingley got seven goals between them, with Adam Letherbarrow also chiming in with a goal.



**SUTHERLAND UNDER 14s**

BACK ROW: Bruce Tilt (coach), Warren Schmitt, Peter Kennedy (manager).  
MIDDLE ROW: Philip Walker, Michael Anderson, Scott Kell, Michael Lardis, Stuart Zadel, Bradley Pearson.  
FRONT ROW: John Massarotti, Mathew Carroll, Terapai Richmond, Ian Reiprich, Craig Parkes, Luke Mason, Todd Robinson.



**SUTHERLAND UNDER 15s**

BACK ROW: P. King, B. Moss (manager), T. Brandtman, M. Stahnke, G. Freason, A. Thomas, A. Long, A. Baber (coach), M. Fielding.  
FRONT ROW: G. Dunn, J. Maher, J. Mellino, J. Tollis, A. Sharp, C. Moss, C. Timewell.

Melita's U16s, following an upsetting start to the season, have now got their act together and moved into top four contention with a 2-0 win over Southern Districts.

Another U16 team with their sights set on a top four spot is Bankstown in Group C.

Their will-to-win drove them to a 1-0 victory over third-placed Bathurst in an exciting match.

It was a great weekend all-round for Bankstown's rep sides.

All four Youth League teams recorded victories over Bathurst, while on Sunday the U12s notched up a 5-0 win over Macarthur in the Metropolitan Championships.

Bankstown's U15s went even better, putting 11 goals past their Bathurst opponents.

Zako Paskoski scored a hat-trick, while Rodney Brown, Terry Kariamias, Arthur Karoutzos and Joseph Meissel grabbed two goals apiece.

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# EAGLES FIRST DEFEAT

CANTERBURY .....3  
MELITA ..... 0

**PARRAMATTA MELITA EAGLES** finally tasted defeat on Sunday — and it was at the hands of their former coach Raul Blanco and his Canterbury-Marrickville Olympic team.

Canterbury played the perfect counter-attacking game to win 3-0.

They allowed Melita to come at them in droves then burst into attack when the Melita defences were wide open and at their most vulnerable.

Led by an inspired performance by full-back John Radman, Olympic played skilful, entertaining soccer — something which delighted coach Blanco.

"It was great to watch, both sides displayed fine skill and both had many chances," Blanco said.

"What made it more of a good spectacle was the fact it was a clean but well-contested match.

"Much credit for our win must go to Johnny Radman, he excelled in defence although the whole team played brilliantly."

Paul Kirwan, who also had a superb match, turned it on in the 25th minute to give his side the lead going into the break.

Five minutes after half-time, Melita had a chance to level after big centre-forward Barry Walker was brought crashing down by John Karaspyros in the area.

This clash resulted in a broken ankle to Walker and a penalty saved by Chris Hummel from left-back Jay O'Rourke.

Canterbury gained the upper hand when a poor



**RAUL BLANCO**

Kenny Wilson back-pass was intercepted by Louis Dounis, who rounded goalkeeper Richard Mullen and scored.

Right on full-time Dounis fashioned the finish with his second goal and Canterbury had successfully completed the first win of the season over the League leaders.

**MELITA:** Mullen, O'Rourke (Hensman 75), Laing, McCoy, MaAusland, Davies, Farrugia, Wilson, Walker (Dalton 65), Allan, Griffiths.

**CANTERBURY:** Hummel, Karaspyros, Hantzis, Radman, Pena (Efthimiadis), Ortega, Kirwan, Anagnostopoulos, Dounis, Borges, Basterfield.

**CROWD:** 1,411.

**SUTHERLAND.....5  
BANKSTOWN..... 0**

**SUTHERLAND were never troubled in their 5-0 demolition of last-placed Bankstown National.**

Although the Bankstown defence was always troubled, the attack was not at all bad and was quite entertaining at times.

Sutherland, however, were too big, too fast and too strong, led by Peter Beggs and Brian Gray.

The goals were scored by Gray (two), Beggs, Tasker and Terry.

As well as scoring once, Beggs, who returned to Sutherland after a season with Wollongong City in the NSL last year, also set up two goals.

**KU-RING-GAI..... 3  
POLONIA.....1**

**KU-RING-GAI took it easy against Polonia on Sunday, resting three players and yet still taking the match 3-1.**

In foggy and heavy conditions, Ku-ring-gai did what was needed and no more to take themselves just that little bit closer to the top.

A great finishing performance by Lee Sutherland was the highlight of the Ku-ring-gai win.

He grabbed himself a brace of goals and has now convincingly shown he has a "nose" for goals.

Ku-ring-gai's other goal was a penalty by Alan Goldsworthy.

Brave showings by Polonia veterans Henry Sobczyk and Andrej Pop earned the plaudits of the crowd. Polonia's goal was scored by the ever-green 36-year-old Sobczyk, who curled a beautiful free-kick home from 20 metres.

**URUGUAY..... 0  
FAIRY MEADOW .....1**

**FAIRY MEADOW are indeed the surprise packets of this year's**

competition, but they needed no such surprises to down lowly Uruguay Auburn 1-0 at Mona Park.

Early on this game gave the indication that whoever scored first would take the points, and so it proved as the team from the 'Gong rode home on the back of a goal by striker Mick Richardson.

It was an opportunist effort and so too will be the effort of his side if John Fleming's boys are able to take advantage of this enterprising form and catch NSL aspirants Parramatta Melita.

**URUGUAY:** Rosano, Jones, Biriz, Krslovic, Planinic, Hastie, Arbello (Carrizo), Fernandez (Pagano), Oshana, Rodas, Meneses.

**FAIRY MEADOW:** Young, Chilby, Morlando, Jones, Beringer, Pell, Mowbray, Giraldo, Baker, Richardson, Fontana.

**AVALA.....1  
MANLY .....2**

**THIS showdown between two of the State League's "tall popples" turned into a very rugged encounter, one that Manly and Avala drew 1-1.**

The match had its nasty moments, not the least of which occurred after the match when police were needed to protect the referee.

Manly without Campbell, Foy and Stuart did well to grab a point, and in fact may have been unlucky not to have taken both.

The muddy field certainly didn't render itself to skilful play, but someone forgot to tell Steve Leak as he smashed home a fantastic 30 metre drive past Avala goalkeeper Barry Thurlow to nullify Glen Jeffrey's 30th minute effort.

## KU-RING-GAI FALTER

**KU-RING-GAI..... 0  
BANKSTOWN..... 0**

**BANKSTOWN NATIONAL** went to Parklands Oval yesterday obviously searching for an invaluable point.

They were successful in their mission holding Ku-ring-gai to a scoreless draw.

**BY FRANK COLETTA**

In fact before the game it was clear Ku-ring-gai were not entirely confident of getting a big win.

This they were denied by Bankstown goalkeeper Don Smith, who played like a man possessed.

On the only occasion he was beaten, Gary Hutton was on the line to clear from a Mark Nile shot.

As the second half went on Ku-ring-gai became more anxious but Bankstown held on to earn a much-needed point.

**WARRINGAH .....1  
ROCKDALE.....1**

**ROCKDALE ILINDEN** made it quite clear with their 1-1 result against Warringah Narrabeen that they are not a shadow of last season's all-conquering side.

Rockdale's goal on the half-hour was equalled in the 40th minute by Murray Gale to settle a very rugged encounter.



**DON SMITH**

## ALAN VEST, NSW director of coaching, writes for ASW

# DON'T NEGLECT YOUR KEEPER!

LOOKING at goalkeeper's and their general involvement with the rest of the team at training, it appears that this is often a neglected area and one which coaches should give a bit more thought to.

Even on our courses on the National Coaching Scheme, we are now involving specialist goalkeeper coaches and Brian Williamson (ex-Leeds, Nottingham Forest, Leicester and Fulham) is now involved with that specialist department.

Here is a typical session that could be worked on with the goalkeepers.

As well as specialist individual staff, other practices are involved with the rest of the team.

**WARM-UP EXERCISES:** GK's together on individual work.

**POSSESSION PRACTICE:** with team.

**TEAM TACTICAL ORGANISATION:** with team.

**SHOOTING PRACTICE:** with team.

**GAME:** with team.

**WARM-UPS:** 15 mins exercises starting from neck and working down the body.

**BALL WARM-UPS:** Working generally with coach on various ball-handling practices.

Then ball between two with all work done in the goal area.

Starting from the ball being rolled along the ground forcing keeper to go backwards on his toes for about 15 metres, then work the other keeper back to starting point. Rest then same again over a two-minute time span.

Similar set-up but ball going into keeper's chest.

Same set-up with ball going above keeper's head to make him stretch.

Back technique training on handling and bringing ball into body can be worked on.

**POSSESSION PRACTICE:** In say half a pitch area.

General possession practice between two teams of eight with GKs. Object is for GKs to move anywhere in area. Team in possession after three or four passes has to find either of the goalkeepers who in turn then throws to the other keeper who returns to them in possession.

A good practice involving whole team on passing and support — getting head up off the ball, etc.

For goalkeepers — throwing, catching and



**GOALKEEPER coach Brian Williamson** pictured during his playing days in England.

general awareness as well as involvement with rest of team.

**TEAM TACTICAL ORGANISATION:** Defence v Attack.

GK playing and organising defence in general play as well as setting play (corner, free-kicking against).

**SHOOTING PRACTICE:** There are many shooting practices which keep goalkeepers active and alert. This is a good one for a lot of work in a short time:

GK in each goal (full-size goals), area two penalty areas (extension of marked penalty area), spare balls behind each goal, so plenty of action then 2 v 2 or 3 v 3 looking for shots at every opportunity.

**SMALL-SIDE GAME:** With normal-sized goals.

This would be a good session involving the GK's with the rest of the team. Obviously there are many other practices but with a bit of thought the GK needn't be neglected.

## TNT SKYPAK SOCCER LEAGUE

**SATURDAY JUNE 15:**

ROCKDALE ILINDEN v POLONIA ..... HURSTVILLE OVAL  
CANT M'VILLE OLY v WARRINGAH N'BEEN ..... ARLINGTON OVAL

**SUNDAY JUNE 16:**

FAIRY MEADOW v BANKSTOWN NATIONAL ..... JENSEN OVAL  
MANLY WARRINGAH v URUGUAY AUBURN ..... CROMER PARK  
KU-RING-GAI v AVALA ..... PARKLANDS OVAL  
SUTHERLAND v MELITA EAGLES ..... SEYMOUR SHAW

**SECOND DIVISION**

**SATURDAY JUNE 15:**

Queens Park v Bathurst '75  
Erskineville Oval  
Penrith United v Artarmon  
Cook Park  
Canterbury & Dist v North Bankstown  
Blick Oval  
**SUNDAY JUNE 16:**  
Campbelltown City v SSC Yugal  
Lynwood Park  
Gladesville Hornsby v Blacktown Utd  
Pioneer Park  
Canterbury Dist v Dee Why  
Blick Oval  
Nth Bankstown v Wollongong Mac.  
Potts Park

**WEDNESDAY JUNE 19:**

SUTHERLAND SHIRE v URUGUAY AUBURN ..... SEYMOUR SHAW PK  
(1st GRADE — 8.15pm; 2nd GRADE — 6.30pm;  
3rd GRADE — Thur June 20 at 7.30pm)

**SATURDAY JUNE 22:**

MELITA EAGLES v BANKSTOWN NATIONAL ..... MELITA STADIUM  
WARRINGAH N'BEEN v POLONIA ..... N'BEEN FITNESS CAMP

**SUNDAY JUNE 23:**

MANLY WARRINGAH v FAIRY MEADOW ..... CROMER PARK  
KU-RING-GAI v URUGUAY AUBURN ..... PARKLANDS OVAL  
ROCKDALE ILINDEN v AVALA ..... HURSTVILLE OVAL  
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S'LAND SHIRE v WARRINGAH N'BEEN ..... SEYMOUR SHAW PARK





BERNDT SCHUSTER: remains on outer.

## 'DER KAISER' GETS TOUGH

FRANZ BECKENBAUER, who has the image of being a nice, friendly, character, has changed since taking over as manager of West Germany's World Cup squad.

Now Beckenbauer is a strict disciplinarian, demanding 100 per-cent dedication from his players.

He's tough with fans and officials, too. Members of the German international fan club, who pay \$3,000 a year just to belong, have been banned by Beckenbauer from staying at the same hotels as the team on away trips.

"Der Kaiser" has also barred officials of the



VLADIMIR PETROVIC

## MOVE FOR PETROVIC

REMEMBER Vladimir Petrovic? He's the Yugoslavian wizard who was signed by Terry Neill for Arsenal but failed to set London alight with his undoubted skills.

Petrovic is playing for Antwerp in Belgium but looks like being transferred to Brest in the French First Division.



Federation (DFB) from going into the dressing room — and they pay his wages!

One of Germany's outstanding players, Berndt Schuster, will have a long wait if he expects Beckenbauer to approach him with peace feelers.

Schuster, of Barcelona, had trouble with Jupp Derwall and even the change of manager, when Derwall was replaced by Beckenbauer, has not healed that rift.

Schuster, for all his brilliant play, remains on the outer.



### A PAKI MAKES GRADE

RASHID SARWAR made history recently when he became the first Pakistani to play senior football in Scotland as a professional.

"I hope by my example, I will encourage other Pakistanis to follow," said Rashid.

### TOSH NOT TOPS

IF you want a secure coach job, don't try your luck in Portugal.

Sporting Lisbon, a very successful club, have had 15 coaches in the last 14 years.

Present incumbent is former Liverpool forward John Toshack, but he could soon get the chop.

"I've been a failure here," said Tosh.

"The team finished in second place and that's not good enough for Sporting Lisbon!"

# FANS SPIT ON TREVOR

ITALIAN fans have been giving England's Trevor Francis a very rough time.

Towards the end of the season, Francis endured what he called "the worst three days of my life."

He missed a penalty for Sampdoria, the match was lost, and, as he left the ground, he was spat on as he sprinted to his car.

His wife Helen and five-year-old son Matthew were in the car and were terrified when fans leaped on to the bonnet and others tried to overturn the car.

"We were frightened to leave home for three days," said Francis.

"Then the wife went to the supermarket where women shoppers turned on her, saying she should be ashamed to be married to a person like me and called me the son of a prostitute."

Surprisingly, this distressing experience has not changed Francis' determination to play on in Italy.

"I'm not doing a Kevin Keegan, returning to England to end my career," he emphasised.

"I've heard that Fiorentina and Juventus are keen to sign me."

Trevor Francis also has troubles convincing English fans that he is still worth his place in the England side.



TREVOR FRANCIS

Many critics advocate sacking the 32-year-old forward, but Francis supplied the perfect answer in England's draw against Finland — he was England's best player.

## And honeymoon is over for Hateley ...

MARK HATELEY's honeymoon days in Italy are rapidly coming to an end.

Hailed as a goalscoring superman when he joined AC Milan from Portsmouth a year ago, the English international is no longer the darling of the supporters.

AC Milan president Seppe Farina described Hateley as "a glass ball — he gets injured too much."

Farina also complained: "He hasn't even taken to Italian food!"

## BELGIAN BETT BIDS



JIM BETT

BELGIAN club Lockeren are trying to resist big money offers for their Scottish international midfielder Jim Bett.

Rangers, desperate to get back on the success road after a terrible season, have offered Lockeren \$500,000 for Bett but they could be outbid by Scottish champions Aberdeen.

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JOHN MORTIMER, Southampton's assistant manager, is quitting to take over as manager of Portugal's Benfica.

Mortimer, ex-Chelsea defender and a highly-rated coach, is breaking up a successful partnership with long-serving Saints boss Lawrie McMenemy.



# UK Scene

# JADED STARS DON'T SHINE

## GLUTTONS FOR PUNISHMENT

ALTHOUGH it is a fact that managing a British football club is one of the toughest jobs in the world, there are always queues of applicants when a job becomes vacant.

Evan a club like Rotherham United — far-removed from the glamour of the big-time — can pick and choose from a huge list of men who want to move in.

More than 70 applied for the Rotherham job when it became vacant. Norman Hunter, ex-Leeds and England, was one.

SCOTLAND v England used to be one of the classic confrontations of the football season but, judging by the recent match between these old enemies in Glasgow, that has changed.

Observers rated it a dreadful game. There were 31 free-kicks in the first half and only one shot at goal. And the second half wasn't much better.

It is obvious that Britain's few world-class stars are being hopelessly overworked at the end of a long season.

At Hampden Park, two of the poorest

performances came from Scotland's Gordon Strachan, who was substituted, and England's Bryan Robson.

Strachan and Robson reproduced their FA Cup Final form!

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MIKE LYONS, captain of Sheffield Wednesday, is set for a return to Merseyside.

Lyons led Wednesday to promotion after his transfer from Everton and is now sought to take over as player-manager of Tranmere Rovers.

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FRANK LAMPARD, the veteran West Ham United full-back, is keen to retire and move into management or coaching.

But Aldershot and Brentford are among the clubs who want him to play on ... in their colours.

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LUTON TOWN get full marks for trying.

They made two transfer offers for Scotland Under 21 forward Frank McAvennie and both were refused by his club, St Mirren.

Now Luton have made a third offer.

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GARY STEVENS of Spurs has just had an early summer holiday in the Canary Islands.

The English international knows he won't be able to get away during normal summer holiday time because he'll be busy getting fit for the start of next season.

Stevens hurt his knee in March when Spurs played Manchester United.

## SCOTLAND THE BRAVE!



SCOTLAND unveiled a new-look strip for the national team against England last month. Gordon Strachan is pictured modelling the new outfit, which has been likened to a clown suit!

## BEARDSLEY NEXT TO GO

CHRIS WADDLE has been criticised on Tyneside for wanting to leave Newcastle United to play for Tottenham Hotspur.

But when you think of the money involved, it's easy to see why the move is so attractive to the recently-honoured English international forward.

At Newcastle, Waddle was being getting nearly \$1,000 a week. That figure will be more than trebled when he signs for Spurs.

Only five years ago, Waddle was working in a Newcastle sausage factory when he quit to play for Newcastle United at \$140 a week.

When Waddle does join Spurs, it seems Newcastle will have trouble retaining the services of their other star, Peter Beardsley.

Beardsley, like Waddle, is unsettled and West Bromwich Albion are keen to buy him for a big fee.

These sort of moves will make Newcastle's bank balance look good, but they are decimating the team.



RIGHT: PETER BEARDSLEY

## BARNES OUT OF TOUCH

A YEAR ago, after scoring a dazzling individual goal against Brazil in Rio de Janeiro, Watford winger John Barnes was hailed as the brightest newcomer in the England side.

Now Barnes is out-of-touch and seems likely to lose his international spot to Chris Waddle.

Barnes achieved little for England against Scotland at Hampden and was replaced by Waddle.

And Tottenham ace Glenn Hoddle, like Barnes, also failed to impress against the Scots.

JOHN BARNES: out-of-touch.



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